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HAGEN NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR NATIONAL FISHERIES CENTER TO BE BUILT IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Appointment of William Hagen, Jr., of Falls Church, Va., as assistant director of the new National Fisheries Center and Aquarium to be built in Washington, D. C., was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall. Mr. Hagen, former chief of the Branch of Fish Hatcheries in the Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, also will serve as acting director of the Center.

Mr. Hagen, 55, was born in Minneapolis, Minn., and attended the University of Washington in Seattle, receiving a bachelor of science degree in 1933. Following graduate studies at Cornell University in New York in 1937, he became a biologist with the Division of Fish Culture in the former Bureau of Fisheries. Mr. Hagen has held successively more responsible positions in the Fish and Wildlife Service and in 1956 became chief of the Branch of Fish Hatcheries in Washington, D. C.

The new National Fisheries Center and Aquarium, which is to be constructed on Hains Point in the Nation's capital, will be one of the largest and most complete installations in the world for exhibiting and studying aquatic life. Construction and operating costs of the new \$10-million center will be repaid by a small admission charge. More than 1,000 species of fish, amphibians, and invertebrates will be displayed in natural surroundings to include indoor and outdoor pools. There will be a full-scale trout stream, a bayou for bass, and especially designed tanks for tropical fish.

The Fisheries Center will have full facilities and specimens for aquatic research to include marine fish diseases, behavior of aquatic organisms, nutrition of fishes, and medical values of antibiotics produced by marine animals. Provisions for viewing educational motion pictures and seminar rooms available to the public as well as to fisheries groups also will be included in the new Center.

In his new position, Mr. Hagen will work on the preliminary planning and design for the National Fisheries Center and Aquarium. A nucleus staff is being assembled to assist him.

The Hagens live at 1020 Poplar Drive in Falls Church. They have four children--three sons and one daughter.

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